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Geological Mapping Project

2. "The geologische Aufmessung project -- the geological survey of Hungary -- to which Matyas Rakosi referred in a speech in late spring 1953 was actually launched at the beginning of the year. Its purpose is to map Hungary's oil and mineral resources. Some 4000 diggings (bohrungen) are planned. The last survey, made in 1941-43 concentrated on Transylvania (now Rumanian territory) and neighboring regions.

Personnel

3. "About 500 technicians are engaged on the project. They include trained geographers, geologists and mining engineers.
4. "There are also about 6000 'general workers'. These are university students in those sciences who have participated 'voluntarily' in the project. The advantage offered these youths who report for 'volunteer service' is complete exemption from military service of any kind. Therefore they have flocked in crowds.

Equipment

5. "The equipment for the project has come mainly from:
- Beloianis Banyaszerkezetek Gyara (Beloianis Mining Machines Factory), Budapest.
  - Konnyu Vasszerkezetek Gyara (Light Machine Factory), Kiskunfelegyhaza; 400 excavators and 'towers' (bohrturme).

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- c. Gamma Factory, Budapest: Special precision measuring instrument equipped with a radar mechanism. Geologists claim it is outstanding. (This factory produced the Juhasz-Gamma anti-aircraft gun.)

Fap Simon

6. "The basis of this whole mapping project has been the work of Engineer Fap Simon, who is imprisoned at Vac. He was incriminated in the mock trial staged against MAORT, the Hungarian-American Oil Company. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. In 1952 the world press alleged that he had died. But Fap Simon is actually alive, directing the whole mapping project from his prison headquarters in Vac. The Communist authorities have established a special scientific institute for Simon right in the Vac prison, to encourage his geological research. The Government has offered him amnesty if the geological map is completed before the deadline scheduled.
7. "I do not know the exact deadline date but believe it is sometime in autumn 1953."

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